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SUBJ: NATO AEW-PARKER STUDY

1. FRG ACTING DEFENSE ADVISOR WELZ CONTACTED DEFAD LEGERE
ON APRIL 21 TO REQUEST THAT THE US RELEASE TO THE FRG ON
AN URGENT BASIS, THE SO-CALLED PARKER STUDY ON A COMPARISON
BETWEEN THE E-3A AND THE E-2C.

2. WELZ SAYS GRUMMAN CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN
HAVE BEEN QUOTING PARTS OF THE STUDY OUT OF CONTEXT TO
MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESTAG. HE MENTIONED A CONCLUSION OF THE
STUDY WHICH SAYS THE E-2C IS SUPERIOR TO THE E-2A IN
THE MARITIME ROLE. APPARERUMMAN REPS ARE IGNORING THE FACT
THAT THIS CONCLUSION APPLIES ONLY TO "THE MARITIME ROLE" AND
NOT TO ALL ROLES, AND THAT THE STUDY IS OVER A YEAR OLD.

3. ACCORDING TO WELZ, MINISTER LEBER WANTS TO TALK WITH
THE BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITTEE ABOUT AWACS ON MONDAY
APRIL 25. LEBER BELIEVES HE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH
PARTS OF THE PARKER STUDY AND COMPLAINTS THAT THE US IS
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WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON AWACS.

4. A COPY OF THE STUDY IS AVAILABLE IN NATO HEADQUARTERS.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ITS ENTIRETY THE STUDY IS OBJECTIVE
AND FAVORABLE TO THE E-3A. WE RECOMMEND URGENT CON-
SIDERATION OF THE RELEASABILITY OF THE DOCUMENT TO THE
FRG IN PARTICULAR, AND TO NATO IN GENERAL. IF WASHINGTON CAN
APPROVE ITS RELEASE, WE COULD PROVIDE A COPY OF THE STUDY
DIRECTLY TO THE FRG DELEGATION HERE ON
APRIL 22 SO THAT IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN BONN OVER THE

WEEKEND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB BRUSSELS
TIME APRIL 22.PEREZ

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